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The OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS (OES) survey has been collecting occupational employment data for over 20 years. This survey is a cooperative effort between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The OES program produces employment and wage estimates for over 800 detailed occupations. These are estimates of the number of people employed in certain occupations, and estimates of the wages paid to them. These estimates are available for the nation as a whole, for individual states, and for metropolitan statistical areas (MSA's). Estimates from the OES are based on data collected using the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system.

The survey is a three year long project, collecting one-third of the sample each year. The full 3-year sample allows the production of estimates at fine levels of geographic, industrial, and occupational detail. Beginning in 2002, the OES survey switched from industry coding based on the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system to that based on the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The May 2008 estimates and survey data are based on the 2007 NAICS. Earlier panel data and estimates were based on the 2002 NAICS. For more information about NAICS, see the BLS Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/bls/naics.htm>.

The OES program produces estimates of wages by occupation. These occupational wage estimates are either estimates of mean wages or percentiles, such as the median wage. Wages for the OES survey are straight-time, gross pay, exclusive of premium pay.

>A **mean** wage is an average wage. An occupational mean wage estimate is calculated by summing the wages of all the employees in a given occupation and then dividing the total wages by the number of employees.

>A **median** wage is a boundary. An occupational median wage estimate is the boundary between the highest paid 50% and the lowest paid 50% of workers in that occupation. Half of the workers in a given occupation earn more than the median wage, and half the workers earn less than the median wage.

>An **entry** wage is the estimate of the average wage of the bottom third of all wages for an occupation.

>An **experienced** wage is the estimate of the average wage of the top two-thirds of all wages for an occupation.

The construction wages listed do not reflect "common" or "prevailing" wages for government contract purposes. For "common" wage data, please contact Indiana Dept. of Labor, Wage & Hour Division at (317) 234-4681 or (317) 232-2655.

The response to this survey is voluntary. We would like to thank those employers who volunteered their time to complete the questionnaire. If you are an employer and receive an OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS survey questionnaire, your participation is encouraged and appreciated by all those who use this data for their activities.

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